

Mark 3:1-6 Inverted Outline

A. Again he entered the synagogue

B. And a man was there with a withered hand.

C. And they watched Jesus, to see whether he would heal him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse him.

D. And he said to the man with the withered hand, 'Come here.' And he said to them, 'Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do harm, to save life or to kill?' But they were silent.

C. And he looked around at them with anger, grieved at their hardness of heart,

B. and said to the man, 'Stretch out your hand.' He stretched it out, and his hand was restored.

A. The Pharisees went out and immediately held counsel with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

The corresponding sections parallel each other:

A. Jesus enters the synagogue. The Pharisees leave the synagogue.

B. The man with the withered hand is focused on; his condition, his healing.

C. They look at each other. The Pharisees watch Jesus to condemn him. Jesus looks at them with anger and grief for their hard heartedness.

D. The center point: Jesus' challenge to the Pharisees. It is lawful to do good/save (restore) life on the Sabbath. But not what they are doing, scheming to harm and kill him on the Sabbath.